

# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Feast of All Saints & All Souls
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#### Welcome to St. Gregory's

If this is your first Sunday here, we invite you to take a Welcome Card from the pew holder, and if you are willing, fill it out and put it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter so that we might thank you for worshipping with us. All are truly welcome to participate in worship, and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

#### Our Worship

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. Therefore, at St. Gregory's, we change our liturgy during each liturgical season to help us more fully embrace the theology and tone of the season.

Our sacred time of worship includes several different activities: singing, listening, praying, and feasting. This liturgy is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. **All are invited to speak the bolded text aloud.** Some people choose to manifest prayers in physical ways to center their hearts and minds on God's presence in their lives and in the worship – we call these actions "manual acts," which are listed as follows throughout the bulletin:

(+) There are several points during the liturgy, where many people cross themselves by touching their head, chest, and each shoulder (left then right) to remind themselves that God is in their head, heart, and in all of their actions in the world.

(+++) At the declaration of the Gospel, many people make the sign of the cross with their thumb on their forehead, lips, and heart as the Gospel is announced. This action is a prayer asking God's word to be in our minds, our words, and in our hearts.

**Generally speaking, we stand to pray, kneel to confess, and sit to hear.** Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. Your presence and participation is what matters most to God.

#### A Note about the Feast of All Saints and All Souls

All Saints is one of the seven Principle Feast days of the Church year. Feast Days are days that interrupt our regular rhythm of life where we are reminded that holy time always interrupts our lives – and this is an important reminder of God's presence. The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander explains that All Saints "celebrates all the saints of God – those whose names we remember and those whose names we do not know – whose lives have given witness, great or small, to the resurrection of Jesus." Pope Gregory the Great (our patron saint) played an important part in making this feast what it is – he expanded the theme of the day from all martyrs to all saints, and set the date as November 1st. We now celebrate the "martyrs and saints of ages past and the remembrance of the saints of our own time who have entered the joy of the Lord, in a new way, through the gate of death." It is an Easter liturgy in which we celebrate the resurrection, so the liturgical color we use is white.

At St. Gregory's, we observe All Saints by bringing pictures and physical reminders of loved ones to remind us that we always celebrate the sacrament of Eucharist with all the company of Saints in heaven physically present with us when we receive the sacrament. We read their names, and honor their lives, while acknowledging how they have given witness to the resurrection of Jesus. It's also a good day to learn about and honor the named saints of the church from ages past who the church acknowledges for their faith and witness.

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During the prelude, we encourage all to enter the space silently. If you brought a photo of your loved one, please place it on one of the tables in front of communion rail.

All are welcome to stop in the chapel to light a candle in their memory.

We are beginning our service with the lights lowered in solemn observance

The worship begins with the ringing of a bell.

The people stand, as they are able.

as we remember and honor those we love but see no longer.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### REMEMBERING ALL SOULS

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in ourself, and none becomes their own master when they die. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The people sit.

#### READING OF THE NECROLOGY

We bring photos and mementos of those we love who have died – those who gave witness in big and small ways to the resurrection of Jesus in our lives – and we read their names aloud (a necrology is a list of those who have died). We do this to remember them, and to remind ourselves that our faith tells us that they are present with us every time we receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. We are all bound together in the communion of Saints, and all have the opportunity every day to bear witness to Christ's resurrection and love in the world around us.



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The people stand, as they are able.

During the season after Pentecost, the collects cover the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

#### THE COLLECTS FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Collect for All Souls: O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for All Saints: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

#### We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day. The first reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures, which tell us the story of God's love and faithfulness to God's people from the beginning of time to just before Christ.

#### FIRST READING

#### **REVELATION 7:9-17**

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

#### PSALM 34

Chanted by the cantor

I will bless God at all times; God's praise shall be ever in my mouth. I will glory in God; let the humble rejoice. Together, let us exalt God's name.

I sought God, and they answered me and delivered me out of all my fear. Look on God and be radiant, do not be ashamed. In affliction, I called and God heard me.

The angel of God encompasses those who fear God, and God will deliver them. Taste and see that God is good; happy are those who trust in God! Fear God, for then you shall lack nothing.

The young lions suffer hunger, but those who seek God lack nothing that is good. God ransoms the life of their servants, and none will be punished who trust in God.

The second reading is usually from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

#### THE EPISTLE

1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as they are able. Children are invited to join the procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.

#### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

"Death Shall Not Destroy My Comfort" Sarah Kettlewell, clarinet & Lorilee Bielski, bassoon

Verse 1 sung before the gospel reading, verse 2 sung after.





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During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn toward it.

#### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 5:1-12** 

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

(+++) Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

  Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

The sermon is meant to help us make the Word of God a living and transforming reality of our lives today.

#### SERMON

Max Smith, deacon

A period of quiet is observed to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

# The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that "The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble." The rite of Baptism not only immerses us in the Body of Christ; in it we make extensive promises about behavior and action.

#### INVITATION TO THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. As we remember those who have gone before us, let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, that faith and ministry to which our ancestors devoted themselves and by which we are bound closely to them even now, so that we may await without shame or fear the resurrection of all flesh at the glorious coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The altar party moves to the back of the sanctuary to the baptismal font, and children are invited to follow to get a better view. All are invited to turn to face the font, or move closer as needed.

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On the feasts of Pentecost, All Saints' Day, Easter Vigil, and Baptism of Jesus, worshipping communities renew their Baptismal Vows if there are no candidates for Baptism. In renewing these vows, we open our hearts again to the promises we make, and the way we commit to living our lives as Christians who are flled with the grace given in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

#### THE RENEWAL

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

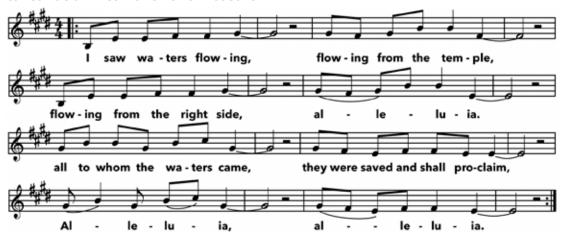
We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Now bless this water, we pray you, that it may be a sign to us of our Baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The sprinkling of the holy water of Baptism is a tactile reminder of our own baptism, and reminds us of the importance of the vows we just renewed.

#### **ASPERGING RITE**

The lights are raised. As the congregation is asperged, all echo each phrase sung by the cantor at an interval of one measure.



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us join our hearts and voices to God's holy ones, that great multitude which no one can number, from every nation, from every tribe and people and language, giving thanks and praise to the one from whom all good things come...

With all saints and all souls, we make our song to God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us take heart through the trials of this life, remembering the example of those who have endured and overcome suffering and oppression and strived for healing and justice to the greater glory of God...

With all saints and all souls, we make our song to God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us give thanks for all who have gone before us, who now dwell in the presence of God, where crying and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting...

With all saints and all souls, we make our song to God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### The Presider offers the concluding collect.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our diocese, and those connected to our congregation. This is the part of the liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contributions of each person present. We voice prayers from our parish prayer list, as well as requests from the onsite and online worshippers.

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The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

#### PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

#### The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. You can use

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Come Find His Rest" Keanon Kyles, soloist

Come, weary one, leave thy labors; come, lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend.

His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied. Come find his rest.

Take his yoke upon thee, for he is gentle and lowly in heart.

So learn from Christ the Lord, thy Portion and Reward. Come find his rest.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, o weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.



The people stand, as they are able.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN by faith We walk faith, and not by sight; and a - bound, may our and seek where you are found. call on you when you are near,

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today. As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

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The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

# SANCTUS



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Gregory all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to say this with enthusiasm!

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist.

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The Fraction recalls Jesus breaking the bread at the Last Supper to share with the disciples, and reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us to be shared with the world. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.



#### INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask the clergy. Receiving the bread only is full communion in the body of Christ, so if you choose to not receive the wine, you may cross your arms over your chest as you pass the Eucharistic Minister, or take a cup of consecrated juice.

To receive communion, hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Then take a cup of wine or juice from the Eucharistic Minister, move to the next tray, consume the bread and wine there, put the empty cup in the tray, and return to your seat.

Anyone who has not been baptized, or for other reasons desires a blessing instead of Communion is invited to come forward, and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing. If you seek a deeper relationship with Christ through baptism, please speak with a priest after the service. During Communion, you are welcome to come to the side chapel to light a candle for peace in the Middle East or in memory of your beloved dead, as well as for any other concern.

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Nearer My God to Thee" quartet arrangement R. Clausen choral arrangment D. Forrest Lorilee Bielski, bassoon

Savior, I follow on, guided by thee. Seeing not yet the hand that leadeth me. Hushed be my heart and still fear I no further ill. Only to meet thy will, my will shall be.

Riven the rock for me, thirst to relieve. Manna from heaven falls fresh every eve. Never a want severe causeth my eye a tear, But thou dost whisper near, "only believe."

Savior, I long to walk closer with thee; Led by thy guiding hand, ever to be Constantly near thy side, quickened and purified, Living for him who died freely for me.



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Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee, E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee. Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav'n, All that thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n. Thy Spirit beckons me nearer, my God, to thee. Nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee.

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest, There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God to thee! Nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion articulates a hunger for unity with Jesus Christ when you cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer connects the one(s) praying with the reception of Holy Communion. Those worshipping online are invited to say this prayer as those onsite receive Communion.

#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** (for those worshipping remotely)

In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people stand, as they are able.

#### **SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** (when appropriate)

We send you out to share Communion this week.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The people sit.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The people stand as they are able.



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One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.

#### BLESSING

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. (+) Amen.

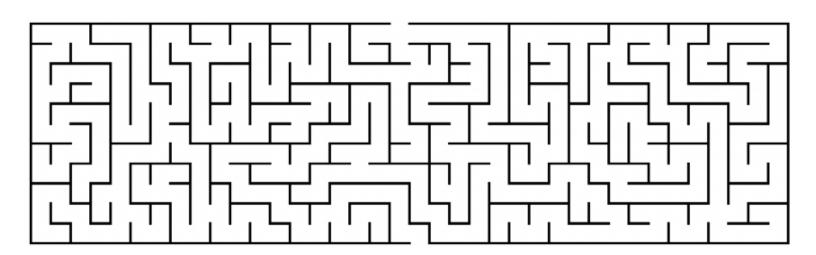


Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on

earth.

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God.



# The Feast of All Saints & All Souls

# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

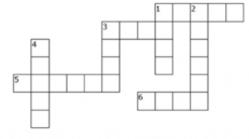
radiates God's grace, equipping all people to change the world.

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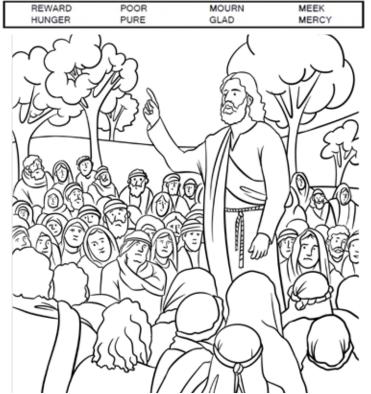
#### **ACROSS**

- To show great kindness toward others
- To be without any faults; without sin
- 5. A need for food
- To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

#### DOWN

- 1. To be humble in spirit or manner
- A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- Having little money or few possessions
- 4. To feel sadness

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# **Take your photos & mementos**

Thank you for bringing your photos and mementos to help honor our beloved dead this All Saints & All Souls! After the service, please take your items to place on the altar of remembrance in Founders Hall, so that everyone can look at the photos and remember together.

#### Cocoa with Dan

Get to know Pastor Dan better and let him get to know you better, all while enjoying some hot cocoa and some seasonal peace. Sign up for one of the meetings happening in December using the QR code at right, or at the church on the big poster board!



# THANK YOU to all our pumpkin patch volunteers!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for helping to ensure another successful year in the patch. And a special thank you to Paula Hamilton for stepping up and managing the operation for the last several weeks. We are still reconciling the sale numbers and will announce them as soon as possible!

# **Christianity 101 Session #2 - THIS SATURDAY**

Has been a while since you were in Sunday School? Want to explore foundational topics of religion from an adult perspective? Join Christianity 101, a collaboration with our Better Together partner congregations. We meet once a month, at the same time as Confirmation. Thanks to all who attended our first meeting! Our second meeting will be THIS SATURDAY at St. Elisabeth (556 Vernon Ave, Glencoe) from 4:30-6pm, and we'll be discussing the Bible. Questions? Email Pastor Dan: dan@stgregoryschurch.org.



## **★ E** Keep the pledges going!

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge of financial support for 2024. If you haven't pledged yet, we still need you! Pledges of all sizes are deeply appreciated. Paper pledge cards are available in church or you can still pledge online via the QR code at left.

# **Community Meals - November 26**

St. Gregory's Church volunteers will have the opportunity to serve a meal to our neighbors in Waukegan on Sunday, November 26th. We still need 2 bakers and could use a few more volunteers to help cook and to fill bags. We start at 12 noon. Please contact Barb Schaper at bschaper7@aol.com or 847-948-8989 to help. Hunger does not take a holiday.



# Thanksgiving morning service - online only

Baste your turkey and mash your potatoes while you enjoy giving thanks together at a short Zoom worship service with your StGs family on Thanksgiving morning! Join us at 10am on Zoom (link is in the newsletter!).



## Go deeper with EfM

Are you looking to deepen your faith by expanding your knowledge of Christianity? Registration is now open for Education for Ministry: an in-depth course that studies Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, church history, and theology over four years. In 2024, we will study the Hebrew Scriptures, traditionally called the Old Testament in Christianity, which provides the ancient foundation for all Christian scripture, thinking, and practice. EfM is also an excellent opportunity to reflect on your own faith journey and to connect more deeply with others. Cost is \$325 per year, scholarships are available. The new course starts in January, and is open to new participants and returning graduates. To register and for more info, contact Susie Dutcher: sbritta1@yahoo.com.